

Central Region VP Election – Call for Nominations

The call for nominations has commenced to replace the elected Commissioner for the Central Region Vice President whose term expires in 2007. States that fall under the Central Region include: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Submit your name and a brief bio to Kelly Barnes at kelly.j.barnes@usace.army.mil or by mail at PIANC USA, 7701 Telegraph Rd., Casey Bldg., Alexandria, VA 22315. The nomination period will close on March 15.

The U.S. National Commission, which is composed of eleven members, is the central governing body of the PIANC USA. The Chairman is the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); the President is the Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary is employed by the U.S. Army Engineer Institute for Water Resources. Of the eight other representatives, there are three Vice-Presidents elected by the membership of the Eastern, Central, and Western Regions, and five Commissioners, representing other government agencies and industry, who are selected through nomination and appointed by the Chairman.

Mr. Charles C. Calhoun of Vicksburg, MS, is the current Central Region VP on the U.S. Commission and his term expires on June 30, 2007. Mr. Calhoun completed a long and distinguished career at the Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station (WES) when he retired in 1999 as the Deputy Director of the Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL), and he currently serves as a consultant and highly sought after speaker for seminars on leadership development. His presence will be missed on the U.S. Commission.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the U.S. National Commission are to manage the activities of PIANC in such a manner as will best advance the purposes of United States maritime and inland waterway interests and to promote the objectives of the U.S. Section of PIANC in the United States. See complete list of responsibilities from the U.S. Section Rules and Regulations at the end of this notice under ***Duties***.

Election and Term of Office

The election of Central Region VP shall be by general election of the membership within the central region. Nominations shall be solicited four months prior to the election, which shall be by written ballot at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of the serving Commissioner. Elections shall be by mail, submitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Section. The results of the election shall be reported to the Chairman of the U.S. Section no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the term to be filled for appointment. Installation of elected Commissioners shall be made by the Chairman upon receipt of election results, and the term shall begin on the date of installation and

shall be for four years unless otherwise indicated by the Chairman. An elected commissioner may run for a second four-year term. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms on the U.S. National Commission. No person in the active service of the United States Government shall be appointed or be a candidate for election without the prior approval of the head of the individual's government Department or Agency

Election Schedule:

January – March 2007: 1st quarter issue of the *Bulletin* distributed. Solicitation announcement for Central Regional VP will be issued in the *Bulletin*, on the website, and e-mailed to members in the Central Region. Names and brief bios will be collected for those nominated for Central Regional VP. The nomination period for the Central Regional VP will close on March 15.

April 2007: Ballots for Central Regional VP will be mailed or e-mailed to members in the Central Region no later than April 6.

May – June 2007: Election for Central Regional VP closes on May 25. Votes tallied and new Central Regional VP announced to the Chairman no later than May 31. Installation of elected Commissioners shall be made by the Chairman upon receipt of election results, and the term shall begin on the date of installation. Winner announced no later than June 30, 2007.

Duties

As stated in the U.S. Section Rules and Regulations (Article VII – Duties of Officials):

7.03 Members of the U.S. National Commission shall:

- a. Serve as delegates to meetings of the Permanent International Commission (PIC).
- b. Provide direction to the U.S. Section in the accomplishment of missions prescribed in Article I.
- c. Actively support the Association, promote membership, assist with technical meetings, and have oversight responsibility for a functional area of the U.S. Section.
- d. Assure that provisions of the Rules and Regulations are observed with respect to membership, elections, selection of delegates, and administration.
- e. Promote the value and participation in the Gustave Willems Award competition.
- f. Provide articles and information for publication in the U.S. Section, PIANC Newsletter.

7.04 The Regional Vice Presidents shall:

- a. Organize and administer regional activities as defined and approved by the National Commission and represent the membership of the region before the Commission.
- b. Recommend to the President of the National Commission appointments of regional representatives or committee members.

- c. Coordinate all regional activities including designation of the host organization and planning of the annual conference in his/her region.
- d. Report on regional activities to the National Commission.
- e. Promote membership in the region.
- f. Seek greater involvement of the private sector, universities, and state and local government organizations in PIANC.
- g. Organize regional seminars and other programs and activities for benefit of the membership.
- h. Encourage participation of regional members in standing technical committees, working groups, and study commissions and recommend participants.
- i. Assist Principal U.S. Representatives to InCom, MarCom, RecCom, CoCom, and special commissions in administering the involvement of the regional membership in international working groups and study commissions, and other national and international activities as appropriate.
- j. Promote the value and participation in the Gustave Willems Award competition.
- k. Provide regional information for publication in the U.S. Section, PIANC Newsletter.